Human Relations News from the MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON GROUP RELATIONS

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Mayor Carlin Proclaims Newark Brotherhood Week

Mayor's Commission Dedicates Brotherhood Week Program To Cooperating Community Organizations

The Rev. James H. Robinson, world traveller and unofficial ambassador of good will for the State Department of the U. S., will speak to the citizens of Newark at the next meeting of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations. THE OPEN PUBLIC GATHERING WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AT 8:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.

This special observance is held in honor of the members of all organizations in the City of Newark who have cooperated with the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations in maintaining a spirit of Brotherhood and improving group relations in this community.

To mention but a few of these cooperating agencies, they are: The National Conference of Christians and Jews, founders of Brotherhood Week; the Churches and Synagogues of this city; The Urban League of Essex County; The Associated Community Councils; The N.A.A.C.P.; The American Jewish Committee; The American Jewish Congress; The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; The Essex County Intergroup Council; Fuld Neighborhood House; Newark Housing Authority; The American Association for the United Nations; The Civil Rights Committee of the CIO and the Division Against Discrimination of the State Department of Education.

This Brotherhood Celebration is dedicated to the above groups and to the 100 additional organizations which have consistently worked with the Commission to make the New Newark our Nation's best example of good human relations.

COOPERATIVE SPIRIT

The various human relations agencies in this area provide a year-round service to the community in arranging, sponsoring and participating in programs promoting better intergroup relations. These program services include providing speakers, discussion leaders, films, literature and advice on how to set up observances.

With this issue of the Human Relations News, the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations is beginning to function as a city-wide coordinating agency for planning and executing programs designed to foster intergroup harmony, while reducing prejudice and discrimination.

On the following pages is a listing of the various kinds of services which are offered by several of the agencies in this area. You are urged to contact these agencies for services not only during the month of February but throughout the year.

For any further information or advice in arranging programs for your group, contact the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, Room 214, City Hall, Market 3-3232.

Mayor Leo P. Carlin issues 1957 Brotherhood Week Proclamation to Harry Hazelwood, Jr., (left) President of the Newark National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Howard J. Devaney, (right) Regional Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, (founders of National Brotherhood Week).

Program Services for Newark Organizations

D.A.D. CHURCH PROGRAM ON RELIGION & HUMAN RELATIONS

"Better Human Relations Through Religious Dedication," was the theme of a human relations service and program seminar held on Sunday, January 20, 1957, sponsored by the State Division Against Discrimination.

Over 250 persons attended the service of worship held in Trinity Cathedral at 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Dillard H. Brown, Jr., of St. Luke's Church in Washington was the preacher. He spoke of the need to build plateaus of understanding among peoples of all races. Following the service, participants moved to Cathedral House for refreshments. Bishop Stark convened the seminar. Herbert H. Tate, Newark attorney, and former cultural attache of the State Department in Pakistan for two years, gave the address. He stressed the great urgency to communicate the essence of democracy to eastern peoples who judge our country on what is happening in Alabama and Mississippi. The Rev. Paul Moore, Jr., Rector of Grace Church, Van Vorst, Jersey City, held an orientation session before the participants made a choice among five simultaneous program units.

I. Film-Centered Discussion — based on the film, "Commencement" produced by the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Leader: The Rev. Canon Richard C. Williams.

II. Pamphlet - Centered Discussion — using, "Know Your Human Relations", a primer compiled by the State Division Against Discrimination. Leader: The Very Reverend John B. Coburn, Dean of the Cathedral.

III. Rumor Clinic, a film-strip stimulates discussion through the role-playing technique to illustrate how rumors get out of hand. Leader: Brant Coopersmith, Regional Director of the Anti - Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

IV. Panel Discussion—Four students discuss the role of youth in community responsibility for good human relations. "Let's Do Something About It." Moderator: John E. Dowden, Labor and Industrial Relations Director, Yardley's of London.

V. A Symposium—"Brotherhood Is Our Challenge", touching on legal sanctions, national and world responsibility, and the Christian Ethic. Dr. John P. Milligan, Director of the State Division Against Discrimination spoke on New Jersey's Law. Hon. Spencer Miller, Jr. discussed national and world responsibility. Moderator: The Rev. Louis H. Berry.

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PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS

The National Conference of Christians and Jews has made these 16 mm. sound films available at a small service charge of $1.00 plus postage.

BOUNDRY LINES. 8 mins. Color. Based on the thesis that intergroup understanding today means world peace tomorrow.

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. 11 mins. Color. Animated cartoon revealing the scientific facts of the biological commonness of all people.

THE GREENIE. 10 mins. Story of a small Polish refugee boy recently arrived in America who is at first rejected by the youngsters on his block and finally accepted by them.

THE HIGH WALL. 30 mins. Its scenes, conversations, and commentary provide rich material for discussions on education and child development, on community and intergroup relations, and on the ethics emphasized in religious teaching.

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN. An RKO featurette which describes how Frank Sinatra prevents a young boy from being set upon by a gang of boys through the meaning of the song "The House I Live In".

OUR TOWN IS THE WORLD. 10 mins. A dramatic lesson in democracy —as youngsters from different parts of town discover that they can play and get along together when understanding replaces ignorance and intolerance.

PICTURE IN YOUR MIND. 18 mins. Color. A powerful presentation and plea for understanding of man's need to find a way to live peacefully on our congested earth.

PROGRAM AIDS FROM ESSEX COUNTY INTERGROUP COUNCIL

Here are a few of the programs which can be procured from this agency:

Discussion Programs and Speakers:

Rumor Clinic ..... Brant Coopersmith

The Law and Civil Rights ..... Jerome C. Eisenberg

Experiments in Human Relations ..... Arnold Harris

Human Relations in New Jersey ..... Herbert H. Tate

How to Answer Prejudiced Remarks ..... Arnold Harris

Films:

Boundry Lines; Brotherhood of Man; Make Way for Youth; One God; Picture in your Mind; The Toy Maker; Tomorrow is a Wonderful Day; Whoever You Are.

Address: Essex County Intergroup Council, 30 Clinton Street, Newark 2, New Jersey, Market 2-1808.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

The following pamphlets are available on request from the American Jewish Committee:

"How Old Is a Bigot?"

"The People Take the Lead"—A record of progress in Civil Rights, 1948-1957.

"Are You Getting Good Neighbors?"

"Leader's Guide" — A Manual on Better Human Relations for Leaders in Youth Agencies.

"The Attack on our Libraries" by James Rorty—A reprint from Commentary, June, 1955.

"Hate-monger with Literary Trimmings"—From Avant-Garde Poetry to Rear-Guard Politics—by James Rorty.

"The Bigot in our Midst" by Gordon W. Allport.

"The Gentle People of Prejudice" by H. A. Overstreet.

"What is a Jew?" by Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer—Reprinted from June 17, 1952 issue of Look.

"Jews in American Life" by Jacob R. Marcus.

"Segregation — Two-Edged Sword".

Address: The American Jewish Committee, Essex County Chapter, 45 Branford Place, Newark 2, New Jersey. Mitchell 2-1633.

Reverend James H. Robinson to Address Commission's Brotherhood Month Meeting

The Reverend Dr. James H. Robinson will be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Mayor's Commission. This special public meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, second floor of City Hall on Wednesday, February 27th at 8:00 p.m.

It has been a practice of the Commission to present a special program for the public at many of its regular monthly meetings. As a service to the community and as a part of its educational program, the Commission has sponsored film forums, panel discussions and lectures. Outstanding speakers and specialists are invited to participate in these meetings, to share their experiences and advice with the Newark community and the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations. Continued citizens' support of such programs indicate the high interest and approval of these explorations of ways and means to make Newark a city where all people live in peace and harmony.

Rev. James H. Robinson known by thousands as Jim Robinson, is pastor of the Church of the Master and executive director of Morningside Community Center in Harlem. He was one of the founders of Sydenham, New York's first interracial hospital.

In 1951 the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, USA, sent Dr. Robinson on a six month's mission to students around the world. And in the summer of 1954, he made a three month trip through eleven countries and territories in Africa, south of the Sahara.

Dr. Robinson influenced student groups in initiating a number of domestic and overseas projects. In 1942, he induced American college and prep school students to help him build two camps for underprivileged children. Over 5,000 students have given voluntary service to these enterprises. Upon his return from overseas, he influenced the beginning of several student projects, such as American colleges establishing a student relationship with foreign institutions, and the India Project of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Rev. Dr. Robinson will address this

Reverend James H. Robinson

Brotherhood Month celebration on his limitless experiences as a minister, world traveler, good-will ambassador and community leader. Commissioner Samuel Weitzman will moderate the audience discussion period to follow Rev. Robinson's presentation.

The date is Wednesday, February the 27th, at 8:00 p.m. The place is the Council Chamber on the 2nd floor of City Hall. Please plan to be with us and invite your friends to come with you.

NEWARK LIBRARIES SHOW BROTHERHOOD WEEK EXHIBITS

The Newark Public Library and its fifteen branches will feature an exhibit of literature and materials on human relations as a Brotherhood Week service to this community. These materials were supplied by many of the local public and private agencies under the coordination of J. Forbes Smith of the State Division Against Discrimination. The library has selected a broad cross-section of literature for this display which will be interesting to all age-groups.

You are invited to visit your local public library to view this display and to take whatever materials you may wish to read. All of the bulletins, brochures, pamphlets and leaflets in the exhibit are for public distribution, free of charge.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

Prejudice can be prevented and fought—in the home, in the school, and in the community. The following materials will provide insight and information. The suggested learning activities may help to change negative attitudes.

SEE FILMS:

CAN WE IMMUNIZE AGAINST PREJUDICE? 7 mins. Shows how three parents try to prevent prejudice in their children.

TO LIVE TOGETHER. 30 mins. Tells about the experiences and difficulties encountered by a group of children at an inter-racial summer camp.

THE TOYMAKER. 15 mins. Two hand puppets are friends until they discover they are "different."

HEAR RECORDINGS:

Stories to Remember: My Little Boy. 15 mins. A father inoculates his son against prejudice. Stars Melvyn Douglas.

The American Dream: Face-to-Face. 15 mins. A teacher finds her class divided by prejudice. Stars Helen Hayes.

Stories to Remember: The Birthday Gift. 15 mins. A boy learns that his pal's skin is darker than his own and that some people, including his parents, think this is more important than friendship. Stars Hugh Marlowe.

The ADL offers its resources of literature, recordings, films and film strips to all school administrators, teachers, parents, and pupils. There is a 20 per cent discount on quantity orders. Films may be rented for a nominal fee. Address: Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, New Jersey Region, 1060 Broad Street, Newark 2, New Jersey. Phone Market 3-6241.

WORKSHOP

LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Sponsored by

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON GROUP RELATIONS

and

THE NEWARK YM-YWCA

Meets: Wednesday, February 13th, 8:00 P.M. at the Newark YM-YWCA, 600 Broad St.

NCCJ TO HONOR CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT AND JEWISH LEADERS

Three prominent Essex County civic leaders have been singled out for recognition by the New Jersey Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced by Regional Chairman, H. Bruce Palmer, president of The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

Chosen for their prominent civic activity and as outstanding representatives of their respective religions, Clayton E. Freeman, Mark Anton and Herbert J. Hannoch will be honored on Wednesday, February 20 at a dinner in Newark's Essex House. At that time each man will receive a gold medallion for his contribution to the cause of brotherhood.

Mr. Palmer also announced that Roy F. Duke, president of Fidelity Union Trust Company, will be dinner chairman. Associate dinner chairmen will be Paul L. Troast, president of the Mahoney-Troast Company; Joseph M. Byrne, Jr., chairman of board of Joseph M. Byrne Co. and Lewis V. Aronson, II, president of Ronson Corporation.

John C. Williams, president of Williams & London Advertising Agency, will be toastmaster; Elwood P. Russell, director of public relations of Wallace & Tiernan Corporation, will be chairman of arrangements; and Benjamin Fairbanks, president of United States Savings Bank, will be treasurer.

UKRAINIAN DAY

Mayor Leo P. Carlin proclaimed Tuesday, January 22nd as Ukrainian Day in Newark at ceremonies attended by a delegation of Ukrainian American leaders from the Newark area.

James M. Melnychuk, a member of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, spokesman for the group, stated that January 22, 1957 commemorates the 39th Anniversary of the Declaration of the Ukrainian National Independence which was proclaimed at historic St. Sophia Square in Kiev, the capitol of Ukraine.

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The Rev. Moore gave a summation of the five program units and closed with an appeal to the churches to spread the message of Brotherhood through holding local programs in their churches during Brotherhood Week. He also urged them to join other groups in their communities where Brotherhood observances are being held. He offered the assistance of the Department of Christian Social Relations to churches wishing to secure films, speakers, literature, etc. The Program Chairman, Marion L. Courtney, who is also on the staff of the State Division Against Discrimination, can be reached by writing to 1100 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, or by phoning Market 4-1414 for program resources.

NUTLEY TO OBSERVE BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Nutley's Mayor, the Hon. Harry Chenoweth, has issued a proclamation announcing that Nutley will observe Brotherhood Week from February 3rd to 9th, 1957. The Mayor's Committee, composed of representatives from 29 local community organizations, has made plans for a community-wide observance which will involve local churches, businesses, schools, unions, and industry. The Nutley Symphony Orchestra initiated the observance on February 3 as it dedicated its entire program to the idea of the "Brotherhood of Man" under the "Fatherhood of God."

The climax of the week-long program will be a "Brotherhood Festival" based on the theme of "A History of Nutley in Song and Dance". The festival will portray the cultural contributions made to the town's development by the various ethnic groups which have settled there over the years and will feature folk dances and music by the Nutley Oratorio Society.

"BROTHERHOOD DEPENDS UPON MAN'S WILLINGNESS TO KNOW HIS NEIGHBORS AT HOME AND IN DISTANT PLACES."

SELECTED READING

The People Take the Lead

A revised publication of the progress in civil rights from 1948 to 1957 was recently released by the Community Relations Service, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York. Newark residents who wish copies of this report may obtain them by writing or calling the office of the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations, Room 214-City Hall, Newark, Mitchell 3-9285.

Butcher, Margaret Just, **The Negro in American Culture**, Based on materials left by Alain Leroy Locke, Knopf, New York, 1956.

"A unique record of what America has done to the Negroes—and what the Negroes have accomplished in and for America."

Forster, Arnold & Epstein, Benj. R., **Crosscurrents**, Doubleday, Garden City, 1956.

Moore, Edmund A., **A Catholic runs for President**, Ronald Press, 1956.

"The issue of religion in the presidential election of 1928 is studied to determine whether Al Smith lost on this basis."

Schwarz, Leo, editor, **Great ages and ideas of the Jewish People**, Random House, 1956.

"Six historians offer an interpretation of the 4000 years of Jewish culture and experience."

National Conference of Christians and Jews Sponsors Brotherhood Week

For nearly 25 years, the National Conference has sponsored a nation-wide observance of Brotherhood Week. The President of the United States is Honorary Chairman and millions of Americans participate.

National Conference of Christians and Jews is a civic organization engaged in an educational program for better human relations 365 days a year. It enlists Protestants, Catholics and Jews who — without compromise of conscience of their distinctive and important religious differences—work together to build better relationships among men of all religions, races and nationalities.

The purposes of Brotherhood Week, an activity of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, are:

1. Rededication to the basic ideals of respect for individuals and peoples.
2. Practical steps which people can take to promote an understanding and realization of these ideals.
3. Enlistment of all people in year-round activities to build brotherhood everywhere.